strators, or assigns, or by some person licensed by him or them for that CHAP. purpole, every person, so making, constructing, vending, selling, or using, such invented boat or vessel, shall forteit and pay to the said James Rumsey, his executors, administrators, or assigns, the sum of five hundred pounds current money, to be recovered in any court of record in an action of debt founded upon this act.

## C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, to William Rogers, of Cæcil county.

THEREAS William Rogers, now of Cæcil county, by his Preamble. humble petition to this general affembly hath fet forth, that he purchased one hundred and twenty-two acres of land of Samuel, Mary, and William Ervin, being part of a tract called Providence, lying in Cæcil county, for the sum of one hundred and ninety pounds Pennsylvania currency; that he paid honestly for the same, and obtained a deed from said Ervins for the land, bearing date the twentyfifth day of March seventeen hundred and sixty-one, which was duly acknowledged by them before two magistrates of Cæcil county; that not long after the execution of the deed, said Ervins removed to the western parts of this country, and left said Rogers in quiet possession of the land, which he has held ever fince; that as faid deed remains unrecorded, he is under the necessity of applying to the general assembly to pass a law for recording the same; which being thought reasonable: Therefore,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall need to be and may be lawful for said William Rogers to have the said deed recorded recorded, &c. among the land records of Cæcil county, at any time within fix months from the passing this act; and that the same deed, when so recorded, shall be as valid, good, and effectual, against the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, and each of them, and their heirs respectively, and against all purchasers of the said land, with notice of the said deed, and all purchasers after the said deed shall be recorded as aforesaid, as if the said deed had been recorded within the time limited by law; but this act shall not be taken or construed to make valid and effectual the said deed against any person or persons who, without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, have fairly and honestly purchased, or before the said deed is recorded, may fairly and honestly purchase the said land in the deed aforesaid mentioned, from the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, or either of them, or their or either of their heirs.

## C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to enable Edward Lloyd, I squire, to record a deed from James and Blaney Edmondson to Edward Lloyd, Esquire, deceased, for a tract of land called Addition.

THEREAS Edward Lloyd, Esquire, of Talbot county, by Preamble. his humble petition to this general affembly hath fet forth, that James and Blaney Edmondson, late of Talbot county, were seised in see of a certain tract of land called Addition, in Talbot county, containing two hundred acres of land, which they the faid James and Blaney Edmondson, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds current money, on the fourth day of December seventeen hundred and fifty-five, did, by deed of bargain and sale, make over and convey to Edward Lloyd, Esquire, deceased, which said deed was duly